

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:20-cv-00398-CKK**

EDDINGTON v. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
et al
Assigned to: Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/11/2020
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/11/2020	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number ADCDC-6819798) filed by PATRICK EDDINGTON. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>5</u> Summons)(Burday, Joshua) (Entered: 02/11/2020)
02/11/2020	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua Hart Burday on behalf of PATRICK EDDINGTON (Burday, Joshua) (Entered: 02/11/2020)

02/11/2020	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of PATRICK EDDINGTON (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 02/11/2020)
02/12/2020		Case Assigned to Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. (adh,) (Entered: 02/12/2020)
02/12/2020	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (4)Issued Electronically as to FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh,) (Entered: 02/12/2020)
02/24/2020	<u>5</u>	ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 2/24/20. (DM) (Entered: 02/24/2020)
03/13/2020	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Sian Jones on behalf of All Defendants (Jones, Sian) (Entered: 03/13/2020)
03/23/2020	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Jones, Sian) (Entered: 03/23/2020)
03/25/2020	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 2/21/2020 (Burday, Joshua) (Entered: 03/25/2020)
03/25/2020	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION served on 2/19/2020 (Burday, Joshua) (Entered: 03/25/2020)
03/25/2020	<u>10</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 2/20/2020. (Burday, Joshua) (Entered: 03/25/2020)
03/25/2020	<u>11</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 2/20/2020. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 3/21/2020. (Burday, Joshua) (Entered: 03/25/2020)
03/26/2020	<u>12</u>	ORDER– The parties shall file a Joint Status Report by 4/16/2020, proposing a schedule for proceeding in this matter. See Order for details. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 03/26/2020. (DM) (Entered: 03/26/2020)
04/14/2020	<u>13</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay <i>Proceedings</i> by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Jones, Sian) (Entered: 04/14/2020)
04/15/2020	<u>14</u>	ORDER granting <u>13</u> Motion to Stay and requiring parties to file Joint Status Report by no later than APRIL 27, 2020 . See Order for details. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on April 15, 2020. (lccck1) (Entered: 04/15/2020)
04/15/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/27/2020. (dot) (Entered: 04/15/2020)
04/27/2020	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration Hardy, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Jones, Sian) (Entered: 04/27/2020)
04/29/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report. Defendant explains that some employees of RIDS may be returning to work as of April 29, 2020, but that to implement social distancing measures in response to COVID-19, only a certain group of employees will be returning and only a certain percentage (one-third) will be available on any given day. As a result, the capacity of RIDS processing will be limited. Defendant therefore requests that the Court continue the stay and indicates that Plaintiff agrees on this course of action. Accordingly, the court ADOPTS Defendant's suggestion and does not lift the stay in this case. Moreover, the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before MAY 27, 2020 with further updates and addressing whether the stay should be lifted. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on April 29, 2020. (lccck1) (Entered: 04/29/2020)
04/29/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/27/2020 with further updates and addressing whether the stay should be lifted. (dot) (Entered: 04/29/2020)

05/27/2020	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Jones, Sian) (Entered: 05/27/2020)
05/28/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report. Defendants explain that some employees of RIDS have returned to work as of April 29, 2020, in a limited capacity. This limited capacity has impacted Defendants' ability to process Plaintiff's request, but Defendant expects to be able to make a release in June 2020. Defendants therefore ask that the Court continue the stay and indicates that Plaintiff agrees on this course of action. Accordingly, the Court ADOPTS Defendant's suggestion and does not lift the stay in this case. Moreover, the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before JUNE 30, 2020 with further updates and addressing whether the stay should be lifted. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on May 28, 2020. (lccck1) (Entered: 05/28/2020)
05/28/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/30/2020 with further updates and addressing whether the stay should be lifted. (dot) (Entered: 05/28/2020)
06/30/2020	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Jones, Sian) (Entered: 06/30/2020)
07/01/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received the parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report. Defendants report that the FBI was making a release of 32,225 pages in response to Plaintiff's request on the date of filing (June 30, 2020). Defendants propose, and Plaintiff agrees, that it would now be appropriate to lift the stay in this matter. Accordingly, the Court ADOPTS the parties' suggestion and LIFTS THE STAY in this matter. The parties shall further file a Joint Status Report on or before AUGUST 14, 2020 with updates and proposing a schedule for further proceedings as necessary. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on July 1, 2020. (lccck1) (Entered: 07/01/2020)